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REFS: (A) ALGIERS 457, (B) ALGIERS 455

1. EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF ALGERIA'S INTEREST IN THE MTN (REF A) APPEARS ACCURATE. USDEL CONTACTED ALGERIAN MISSION ON FEBRUARY 27 TO DISCUSS U.S. OFFER AND REQUESTS. WE WERE TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR BOYOUCEF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, THERE IS NO ONE AT THE ALGERIAN MISSION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GATT OR TRADE ISSUES. THE OFFICER WHO IS "FOLLOWING" THE GATT IS TIED UP IN A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE UNTIL MID-MARCH. IN THE INTERIM, OUR OFFERS AND INDICATIVE LISTS WERE SENT TO ALGIERS FOR ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE.

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2. AS FAR AS THE U.S. IS CONCERNED, ALGERIA'S ATTITUDE IS UNDERSTANDABLE, GIVEN OUR LOW LEVEL OF TRADE (OUR NON-PETROLEUM IMPORTS FROM ALGERIA IN 1976 WERE ONLY \$1.8 MILLION), AND ALGERIA'S TRADITIONAL TIES WITH THE EEC. HOWEVER, THEIR ATTITUDE MIGHT CHANGE SOME IF THEY REALLY ARE UPSET AT THE FRENCH (REF B) AND WISH TO DIVERSIFY THE PATTERN OF BOTH THEIR EXPORTS AND IMPORTS. GIVEN

THE EXCLUSION OF ALGERIA FROM GSP BENEFICIARY STATUS,
THE ONLY PATH TO IMPROVING MARKET ACCESS IN THE U.S. WILL
BE THROUGH MFN CONCESSIONS IN THE MTN. WE THEREFORE
PLAN TO FOLLOW UP OUR CONTACTS AFTER A SHORT DELAY.
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